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SUBJECT: THE RESURRECTION OF CHIPENDA

CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. SUMMARY: DANIEL CHIPENDA IS BACK IN ANGOLA AT THE HEAD OF HIS ARMY OF 2,000-3,000 MEN. HE SAID HE WILL GO TO THE IMPORTANT CITIES IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA AND THAT HE SEEKS WHITE SUPPORT. HE SAID HE DOESN'T WANT CIVIL WAR BUT THAT WITHOUT HIM THERE CAN BE NO PEACE IN ANGOLA. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL PRESS, AND CONFIRMED BY THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, DANIEL CHIPENDA HAS RETURNED TO ANGOLA TO HEAD HIS REVOLTA DOL ESTE (EASTERN REVOLT) PORTION OF MPLA. HE APPARENTLY ARRIVED IN ANGOLA IN EARLY JANUARY VIA TEIXEIRA DA SOUSA, A TOWN ON THE ZAIRIAN BORDER IN EASTERN ANGOLA. HE SPENT THE LAST THREE UNCLASSIFIED

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WEEKS RALLYING HIS FORCES IN EASTERN ANGOLA.

3. ON JANUARY 23 CHIPENDA TRIED TO ENTER LUSO WITH A BATTALION OF HIS ARMY AS A BODYGUARD. HE WAS TURNED BACK BY THE PORTUGUESE ARMY AND MPLA TROOPS LOYAL TO AGOSTINHO NETO. HE DID MANAGE TO ENTER THE CITY ON JANUARY 24, WITHOUT HIS BODYGUARD, WHERE HE JOINED SEVERAL HUNDRED OF HIS SOLDIERS ALREADY CAMPED THERE.

4. LATER ON JANUARY 24 HE GAVE A FULL SCALE PRESS CONFERENCE IN LUSO WHERE HE ENUNCIATED HIS NEW POSITION. HE DESIRES PEACE IN ANGOLA BUT STATED THAT THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE UNLESS HIS GROUP IS INCLUDED IN THE GOVERNMENT. HE DRAMATICALLY STATED HIS INTENTION OF GOING TO THE MAJOR CITIES IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA DESPITE ANY IMPEDIMENTS NETO OR THE PORTUGUESE MAY PUT IN HIS WAY. IN AN OBVIOUS PLAY FOR WHITE SUPPORT CHIPENDA STATED HE HAD INCLUDED WHITE MEMBERS IN HIS CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND REMINDED THE PRESS THAT ANGOLA, UNLIKE FORMER BRITISH, FRENCH OR BELGIAN COLONIES, HAS LARGE NUMBERS OF POORER WHITES WHOSE STATUS IN LIFE HASN'T BEEN MUCH BETTER THAN THAT OF MANY BLACKS AND WHOSE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. HE REITERATED SEVERAL TIMES HIS WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE PORTUGUESE, FNLA AND UNITA BUT HE AVOIDED ANY MENTION OF MPLA. LEST ANYONE MISS THE POINT, HOWEVER, HE FREQUENTLY ALLUDED TO HIS MILITARY FORCES AND THE POTENTIAL FOR CIVIL WAR IF HE IS EXCLUDED.

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